

ARGUMENTS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview of 2 March 2004 wherein an amendment of the claims was discussed. During the course of the interview, it was determined that the Applicant should show that the ESCR test methodology was incorporated by reference in the case. The Applicants report that it is indeed incorporated and can be found in U.S. Patent No. 4,777,210 in the paragraph bridging columns 10 and 11. This reference is incorporated by reference at page 7, lines 19-22.

The applicant has now amended the independent claims with the limitation shown, the basis for which can be found in the application at page 9, line 30.

SUMMARY

The Examiner is requested to withdraw his rejection of the Claims as amended in view of the above arguments. Allowance of Claims 1, 3-14 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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